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TAGS: ELAB, NI, US
SUBJECT: AALC INTEREST IN NIGERIAN PROJECT

1. BY SEPTTEL WE HAVE REPORTED RECENT EFFORT OF
AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AAALC) TO ESTABLISH
PROJECT IN NIGERIA. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT
TIME IS NOT YET APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH AN EFFORT.
AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE LEADERSHIP OF NIGERIA
LABOR CONGRESS (NLC) IS DOMINATED BY LEFTIST
AND TO DATE NLC HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CHOOSE
GENERAL SECRETARY BECAUSE OF INTER-UNION RIVALRY.
GIVEN DELICATE SITUATION IN NLC AT THIS TIME
AND PAST ACCUSATIONS OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
IN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
BEST FOR AALC TO DELAY EFFORT AT LEAST FOR A FEW
MONTHS.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT MINISTRY OF LABOR EARLIER
DENIED PERMISSION FOR NLC LEADERS TO VISIT BUDAPEST
AT INVITATION OF HUNGARIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.
ONCE AALC, WHICH IS IDENTIFIED IN NIGERIAN MINDS
WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ENTERS LOCAL
SCENE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE MORE
DIFFICULT TIME DENYING SUCH REQUESTS.

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3. AT A MINIMUM WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST FOR AALC TO
DELAY APPROACH UNTIL AFTER NEW SECRETARY GENERAL
IS APPOINTED BY UNIONS TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION
THAT U.S. IS INVOLVED IN UNION SQUABBLES.
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